



Water and Wastewater Works Advisory Board

**State of Alaska
Department of Environmental Conservation**

Policy Statement 2021-01 Nonconventional Wastewater and Water Treatment Experience

Background

This policy addresses experience accumulated in systems that differ from conventional treatment systems described in 18 AAC 74.120. Occasionally an individual submits an application that includes experience gained in these systems and this policy addresses criteria to assist in the determination of the applicability of this experience.

Introduction

The Board recognizes that a policy is needed to address how the department staff considers experience in nonconventional treatment systems.

Discussion

The Board is aware that there are water and wastewater treatment systems that might be considered nonconventional treatment and are not addressed by the current method of classifying systems. Some of these systems might allow operators to gain limited experience that could be considered on their applications.

Policy

The Board recommends the following be considered when reviewing this experience:

1. The maximum nonconventional treatment experience that would count toward certification would be one year.
2. Some guidelines for the determination of allowable experience include the type of equipment utilized, that domestic wastewater or potable water is being treated, and the

applicability of the alternative system being reviewed as compared to conventional treatment.

3. Clear and specific documentation of work experience will be necessary for nonconventional experience to be considered.
4. Nonconventional treatment experience will not apply toward the conventional treatment requirement described in 18 AAC 74.050(b)(2) for Level 2 or higher certification.

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Chair, Water and Wastewater Works Advisory Board

*Amended to correct certification level from a Roman numeral to an Arabic numeral.
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